



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# MEDIA ALERT

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### *RESURFACING SR 365 IN HALL AND HABERSHAM*

## **TWO OVERNIGHT CREWS WORK EVERY NIGHT - DAYTIME CREW WORKS WEEKDAYS ONLY, WEATHER PERMITTING**

LULA, Ga. – After decades of use, State Route 365 is under construction now. Georgia DOT is working with C.W. Matthews Contracting to resurface the roadway. The project will remove up to eight inches of damaged asphalt and lay down a new, smooth driving surface on State Route 365/US 23 from SR 52 in Hall County to the split at SR 17 and US 441 in Habersham County.

“Now we have three crews working along SR 365 if weather permits. The daytime crew started yesterday. The daytime work will not occur over the weekend – they work weekdays only. The “southern” crew is laying the second or binder layer of asphalt on SR 365 from SR 52, the Lula Crossroads, to Alto Mud Creek Road. This “south” crew is working is about 80% finished with the second layer of asphalt. If the weather cooperates, the second layer of asphalt will be finished from SR 52 to Alto Mud Creek Road by Monday or Tuesday. The base layer is down from SR 105/Historic US 441 to SR 197. The daytime crew will continue installing the binder layer Monday. Their work is only scheduled weekdays right now. The overnight “north crew” is now working from SR 197 to the split at SR 17 and US 441. They are removing damaged asphalt down to eight inches and installing a new base layer of asphalt,” explained Georgia DOT District Engineer, Todd McDuffie.

This project involves three layers of asphalt. The base layer goes on bottom. The middle or second layer is the binder and the smooth driving surface is the top layer called the “topping.” As new pavement is laid it will be at different heights until both lanes are completed. Beware of the uneven pavement between the lanes.

“Overnight work will begin at 7 p.m. at two locations every night that weather allows; from SR 52 to Alto Mud Creek Road and from Demorest Mount Airy to SR 197. Daytime work will begin on SR 365 northbound at 7 a.m. weekdays only as weather allows. Please slow down and use extra caution for your safety and ours. While crews work, the speed limit on SR 365 will be reduced to 55 miles per hour. Please remember, every fine you get in a work zone is doubled,” explained McDuffie.

The 21 mile long resurfacing project was awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting of Marietta at a cost of \$19.2 million. The contract completion date is June 30, 2012.

Weekly updates will be emailed out to customers. If you would like to receive email updates on this project please email Teri Pope at [tpope@dot.ga.gov](mailto:tpope@dot.ga.gov) or call her at 770-718-3924.

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone.

Motorists can access real-time, statewide, route-specific information on accidents, road work, traffic and weather conditions through **Georgia 511** - a free phone, web, and mobile service. By dialing 511, callers also can transfer to operators 24 hours a day to report incidents or request assistance. The system can be used to access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, tourism information and 511 systems in surrounding states. Additionally, 511 is available online or as a hybrid solution via a free download for your smart phone. Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information about 511, its mobile application download, or to learn how to become a sponsor, visit [www.511ga.org](http://www.511ga.org).

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